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Garbage piles, hanging cables, broken gratings, cracked manhole covers, missing footpath tiles — state of Church Street is awful

NIGHTMARE ON CHURCH STREET

'Who-shall-maintain-Church Street' discord between authorities concerned

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The 712-m Church Street was opened to the public after renovation in March 2018. The stretch was redesigned at an estimated cost of Rs 17 crore to ensure it is pedestrian-friendly.

Now, if the broken gratings, manhole covers full of cracks and missing tiles from the footpaths are any indication, the street that was opened to the public five years ago with much fanfare is anything but well-maintained and pedestrian friendly.

The lack of clarity on who has to maintain Church Street makes the public wonder why the street was redesigned. Church Street was redesigned under the TenderSURE project; it was agreed the street has to be maintained by the respective ward engineer after five years. With the maintenance period of five years now over, the TenderSURE engineer said that it is the ward engineer who has to maintain it; but the ward engineer said he is not aware of the maintenance of Church Street.

Enter the Church Street from

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"Broken footpath tiles pose danger to unwary pedestrians, especially senior citizens. I want the BBMP to fix the problem..

— Latha P, student

Stagnant sewage, blazing summer & mosquitoes

In Kasavanahalli homes, density of flies, mosquitoes goes up; stench biggest concern

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Hundreds of families living in multiple apartment complexes in Kasavanahalli area are facing a mosquito menace. Residents said while the temperature has been soaring, they are forced to close their doors and windows early in the evening due to the spike in mosquitoes in the area.

The citizens said water accumulated in a vacant plot adjacent to the residential complexes is the reason behind the issue.

"There are multiple vacant plots behind our apartment building; dirty water has accumulated in one of the plots. To us, it looks like sewage from the neighbouring area is being dumped in the empty plot. There is no space for the water to drain further; thus a pond like structure has formed," said a resident of Meadows in the Sun apartment complex.

The stagnant water is emitting a stench too; residents said they are worried about their health.

"Density of flies and mosquitoes has gone up in our houses; the stench is the biggest concern. Our apartment has a one-side

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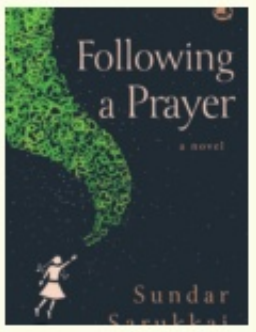
3 THINGS TO DO



01 Profound tale

Philosopher-Author Dr Sundar Sarukkai will be releasing his new book 'Following a Prayer' with the eminent journalist Krishna Prasad.
Set in rural Karnataka, 'Following a Prayer' is an enchanting story about the perennial binaries of speech and silence, language and meaning, reason and faith. Seen through the eyes of three young school girls, this deftly told tale infuses new life into timeless questions.
Where: Bookworm, Bangalore When: April 14 (today); 6 pm

02 Crafty shopping

Rajasthan Handloom and Handicraft Expo organised by artisans across the country is holding an exhibition-cum-sale. Displaying ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, jewellery, home décor, furniture, and handicraft products direct from the artisans and craft persons from across India. Handicraft, handloom, handmade jewellery, textile -- you can shop till you drop for whatever is your pick. **Where: BDK Kalyan Mandapa, Santhe Circle, Yelahanka, When: Till April 16; 10.30 am- 8.30 pm**

03 Wild ones

Nexus Koramangala Mall will display wildlife photography on the account of "World Art Day" by renowned photographer Ankul Shetty. Born in a village close to Mangaluru, Ankul had a deep passion for the outdoors and wildlife which led him to pursue wildlife photography. He has travelled extensively to various wildlife destinations around the world. **Where: Nexus Koramangala Mall, Central Atrium; When: April 15-16**

The route is clear

Days after BM reported that a flyover on Magadi Road has been ready for weeks, but yet to be opened to traffic, on Thursday, it was thrown open to the public

BM reported on April 12 that the problems commuters were facing due to delay in the flyover opening

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For civic workers, daily commute is risky hustle

Accident involving pourakarmikas puts spotlight on precarious conditions of their work life, with no transport, food or water facilities provided

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After a recent accident involving pourakarmikas, activists and pourakarmikas have stressed on the need to ensure commute options and reduced travel expenditure for our civic workers.

Despite the meagre salary of pourakarmikas, they are still forced to shell out for commuting daily. On Wednesday, four pourakarmikas who were travelling from Goripalya to work in the Ganesh Mandir ward in an auto were left injured after a speeding car collided with the auto.

The injured including the auto driver were admitted to Victoria Hospital and it is learnt that the BBMP is paying for the medical expenses and has assured paid leave until restored to health. However, activists argue that safer commute options could have prevented the accident.

Maitreyi of AICCTU told BM, "We have been raising the issue for quite some time and asking for a transportation system to be provided by the Palike. We are asking the officials to provide buses, maybe BMTC buses, as it had done during covid time."

She added that a few days ago, another accident had happened in Yelahanka. "They are expected to reach the spot at 6:30 am and are rushing to the location. They need to log in using biometric early morning, they have to struggle to look for transport early in the morning. It's also not safe to travel at that time, especially for women. They also are forced to make an additional expenditure on transportation," she added.

Maitreyi estimated that pourakarmikas have to travel 5-15 km and they have to pay the double fare at that time.

Maniyamma, a pourakarmika, told BM that they have to spend Rs 200 daily on commuting. "We don't get buses or autos on time. We have to reach for biometric scanning early in the morning. If BBMP provides any bus services, it would be helpful. Additionally, we used to get meals and that too has stopped. There is no provision for drinking water for us either. I take a 2-liter water bottle from home."

> **"We don't get buses or autos. We have to reach for biometric scanning early mornings. If BBMP provides us with bus service, it would be helpful**
> – Maniyamma, pourakarmika

BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha President Nirmala also wrote to BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath highlighting these issues.

However, BBMP officials clarified that there is no proposal as of now to offer these services. "We don't have any proposal to provide transport services for pourakarmikas as of now," said South Zonal Commissioner, Jayaram Raipura.

The condition of the auto that the four pourakarmikas were travelling in to Ganesh Mandir ward for work. A speeding car is said to have collided into the auto

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The plot widens: When will S Cross Rd be fine?

Prolonged traffic congestion, delayed road work irks citizens

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Even after a series of complaints about prolonged traffic congestion on this stretch on S Cross Road, work is reportedly going on at a snail's pace; commuters say it often takes them an hour to navigate this area

There appears to be no respite in sight for the commuters of S Cross Road. Even after a series of complaints to the authorities about prolonged traffic congestion on the stretch, work is progressing at a snail's pace. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) took up the road widening work over a month ago.

Commuters say their issues have been compounded.

"BBMP started road widening work at the beginning of March. However, not much has moved on the ground. They have cleared up small patches.

While they got six months to widen the stretch, they have just cleared the vacant sites until the demarcated points. No further work has taken place since then," said a regular commuter.

While the widening work is on S Cross Road is on hold, work on the Panathur railway underbridge (RUB) is also underway and has worsened the traffic snarls in the area.

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Bottled-up traffic management on S-Cross Road

BM's report on Feb 23, 2023 spoke about the bottled-up traffic management in the area

"The widening of the RUB was to be completed by March 2023. However, the work is still on. To add to our woes, the S Cross underpass has a flooding issue. Even in the rain that lashed the city a few days back, the underpass had ankle-deep water. The BBMP has been working on clearing storm water drains in the area for over three months now, leading to the underpass flooding," lamented another resident.

With a boom in construction work in the area, commuters say, daily traffic has surged further. Moreover, with offices now working offline, navigating the 1.5-km-long stretch takes at least an hour on most days. "Many apartment complexes are coming up in the area and vehicular movement has gone up after people have started going to offices. Additionally, there are no other means of transport.

> **"To add to our woes, the S Cross underpass has a flooding issue. Even in the rain that lashed the city recently, there was ankle-deep water**
> – Resident

Autos and BMTC buses are not plying in this area. It is a narrow road, and the traffic police have to stop the vehicles coming from one end for vehicles on the other end to pass," said another commuter.

When Bangalore Mirror reached out to the BBMP official for clarity on the road widening work, we were told that the engineering department is still waiting for BBMP's revenue department to hand over the compensation amount to respective property owners for the work to begin.

"The engineering department is waiting for the revenue department to pay compensation to the property owners.

We have filed for cash compensation and the file is with the land acquisition department. We started the work almost a month ago, but landowners declined to give away their lands unless they receive compensation," said a BBMP official.

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◎ Parking peril

Banashankari

Four-wheelers continue to be parked on the footpath next to Kamakya/Eshwari theatre in Banashankari 3rd Stage.

◎ Encroachment

Magadi Road

Eateries are occupying the footpath on Magadi Road, causing inconvenience to pedestrians.

Who shall maintain Church Street?

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Museum Road Junction; one is greeted with a pile of garbage at the junction. The accumulation of garbage here makes the public doubt the very existence of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Ironically, top officials including BBMP chief commissioner, commissioner of police and others visited Church Street to launch Vote Fest – an awareness programme on the importance of voters exercising their franchise in the forthcoming elections to the state assembly. Surprisingly, none of the BBMP authorities bothered to fix the problems on Church Street.

"There is no proper plan for the maintenance of Church Street. The BBMP engineers have to take measures to ensure Church Street is free from garbage and make the road pedestrian friendly,'' said Brahmananda Reddy, a social activist.

The broken grating near Empire Hotel is a classic example for the substandard quality work on Church Street.

Thousands of people, including foreigners, visit the street at the heart of Bengaluru; the broken grating would certainly convey a wrong message on BBMP's focus on quality. Only light vehicles are allowed to enter Church Street; so it is quite amusing to see the grating broken.

"It is shocking to see the broken portion of the grating filled with stones to prevent two-wheelers or four-wheelers getting stuck. I want the BBMP authorities to replace the broken grating with a new one," said Suresh Babu N, a pedestrian.

Hanging cables are another problem for pedestrians on Church Street. "These hanging cables pose danger to unwary passersby - tall individuals, mostly. No one seems to be bothered about the maintenance of Church Street," said Purushotham Naidu, a pedestrian.

Tiles are either missing or broken at some places on the footpaths. "The broken tiles on the footpaths pose danger to unwary pedestrians, especially senior citizens. I want the BBMP to fix the problem as early as possible," said Latha P, a student.

Meanwhile, Devaraj of TenderSURE project said maintenance of Church Street is the responsibility of the respective ward engineer. "We are responsible to maintain Church Street for five years only," said Devaraj.

However, Harsha, assistant executive engineer in charge of Shanthinagar ward said he has not received any information on the handover of Church Street to the ward's engineering department.

Urban mess: Civic bodies unresponsive

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window system; all the doors and windows open towards the vacant land with stagnant water.
Although the daytime temperature has been rising, we do not keep our windows open, even during the night.

Or else we run the risk of the pungent smell wafting into the house," said another resident of the area.

Residents also noted that the nutrient-rich water has led to the growth of thick vegetation cover; it is difficult to check for any open pipe that has been left for water to be released. Many raised concerns over the contamination of the groundwater table.

"We moved to this area in June 2022; the stagnant water issue has been there since. I kept raising concerns, but it has not led to any relief. We are worried about the contamination of groundwater. Since it is rich in nutrients, high vegetation growth has created a dense bushy area," said one of the residents.

The citizens complained that while multiple complaints have been raised over the last one year with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), the problem has not been resolved.

"We reached out to the BBMP and BWSSB and raised complaints. BBMP officials visited the site after repeated complaints.

But they said it was not their concern and that we should reach out to the BWSSB.

They could not figure out the source of the water and simply passed on the buck to the water board. Complaints to the BWSSB posted through the Namma Bengaluru app have not been addressed yet even after repeated attempts," they said.

Jewel thieves kept eye on locked houses, buried booty

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Three notorious thieves were recently arrested by CCB officials for their involvement in 15 cases of theft. The accused were found guilty of stealing precious gold articles and jewellery from locked houses during the night time. From their possession, officials seized a whopping 2 kg of gold worth a staggering one crore.

A senior police official said, "One of the accused was a woman who had been stealing since 2016, despite serving jail time for her past crimes. She would roam the streets of Bengaluru with her child, targeting locked houses during the day and stealing valuables. Another accused, who had previously been involved in a double murder case in Bengaluru in 2012, turned to theft and dacoity after serving his sentence. The third accused, from Gujarat, formed a gang with his elder brother and two friends and traveled from Gujarat to Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru by train to commit robberies."

The official said this accused would stay at a distance from the house he had in his radar and break in at night to steal gold, cash, and silverware. The gang would then bury the stolen goods in the ground at a distance from the house and sell them

in their town. "In total, the accused have been stealing from many places in Bengaluru for about a year, and the CCB officials have recovered 1 kg of gold in addition to the 2 kg seized from the three accused," the official said.

Police said that the modus operandi of these thieves involved targeting locked houses during the day, identifying potential targets, and breaking in at night to steal gold, cash, and silverware. The accused would stay at a distance from the house they have targetted and travel using public transport during the day to avoid arousing suspicion. The thieves had been stealing from many places in Bengaluru for about a year.

CRASH & BANG:

Dangerous streets

In 3 months of this year, city has already seen 200 fatal accidents — citizens blame it on speed devils & bad roads

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According to the data by Bengaluru traffic police, 205 people have been killed in road accidents in the city in 2023. The city has recorded a total of 1,197 road accidents as of March 2023.

The data shows that in just three months of this year, 1,051 people have been injured in road accidents. As per the data, there were 200 fatal and 997 non-fatal accidents on the city roads.

Residents in the city blame the high number of accidents on road rage, speeding and even bad roads.

Supriya Mehta, an advocate, says, "Just a week back, my friends and I were in an auto. The driver was speeding on a busy Koramangala Road. When we tried to tell him to slow down, he asked us not to worry. There was another auto very close to our auto and our auto driver had put his leg on the back of the other auto. When we asked about that, he said the other auto doesn't have fuel. Later he drove at a high speed to reach a petrol pump and almost collided with a car."

Another resident also complained about how he fractured his leg after colliding with a speeding bike. "No matter how careful you are on the road these days, you can find some people who are driving recklessly. When I met with an accident near Ejipura signal, it was also because two young men were coming at a high speed from the wrong direction," said the victim.

As per the data, the city has recorded 660 cases of reckless driving and 917 cases of speeding in 2023. Bengaluru also recorded 2,32,626 cases of people jumping traffic signals and 303 cases of not following lane discipline.

> **"Dug up roads are not restored properly, leading to uneven stretches. Debris from repairs are often left lying on the roads**

"Several factors make the roads accident prone. Not following traffic rules, lack of lane discipline, bad roads and potholes are some of them. Another reason is unfinished work on and along the roads. Roads that are dug up aren't restored properly, leading to uneven stretches. Debris from repairs and maintenance are left lying on the roads. This makes it a slippery slope for motorists, besides reducing the usable road width. Regular cleaning (not just sweeping) should be done to remove debris and loose gravel from roads," said Suhas, a commuter.

Metro boost to Whitefield office rentals

According to the latest report by Colliers, the Byappanahalli-Whitefield metro project is likely to increase office space rentals in Whitefield by 8-10% over the next two years. The metro line, which partially opened in March 2023, will connect Whitefield to the rest of the city, reducing commute time and improving accessibility. This is expected to boost occupier activity in the region, leading to an increase in rentals. The growth in rentals will also depend on overall occupier demand and macro-economic factors.

Whitefield is the second largest office market in Bengaluru, with around 40.4 million sq feet of office stock and a vacancy level of 17.2% as of Q4 2022. However, the metro project is likely to attract more businesses to set up offices in Whitefield, which was previously inaccessible or inconvenient to reach.

With better connectivity, companies can benefit from a larger pool of potential employees who can commute to their offices easily and efficiently. This can lead to a more diverse and skilled workforce, enhancing productivity and innovation.

Moreover, better connectivity can also help businesses reduce operational costs, particularly in transportation and logistics.

The report highlights that the average annual supply in Whitefield rose by 10% during 2017-22, as the construction of the metro project began, when compared to the 2011-16 period. Gross leasing in Whitefield rose 18% during the metro construction stage (2017-22) compared to the planning stage (2011-16).

In the Central Business District (CBD), about 64% of total leasing has happened during the Metro operation stage (2017-22), and the office supply in the CBD rose more than four times during the operation stage. **-BMB**

Not over language, fight was over 'bad food, torn note'

Bengaluru police have initiated a probe in a case where a man alleged that he faced discrimination over a language row. In a now viral tweet, the man can be seen accusing his employer and the customer of the eatery that he was working for of racism.

However, a preliminary police inquiry indicates that the fight was over bad food and a torn currency note and was misunderstood by the man.

Police Commissioner CH Pratap Reddy said, "It appears that there was an argument between the man and the customers after the customer gave the man a torn note. The man in the video has returned to his home town and we are inquiring about the matter. After the investigation, action will be taken."

The Bengaluru police also put out a statement on its official Twitter handle: "Discrimination on the grounds of language, religion or gender is strictly not tolerated. @BlrCityPolice has taken cognisance of the event. @dcpnorthbcp contacted the complainant & enquiry initiated. Please note: Action by us is swifter & less than 30 mins away when you #dial 112." **BMB**

Freebie-free hustings

Bengalureans complain about illegal practices during elections – free food, photos of leaders

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POLL VAULT

Men pick up saffron coloured scarfs and caps as they arrive to attend a political event

Bengalureans have several complaints during elections, ranging from the distribution of free food to freebies. The Election Commission (EC) has introduced the C-Vigil app, which allows residents to report illegal practices during elections. The data obtained from the complaints reveals that a significant number of grievances are related to the distribution of free food. There are also complaints about leaders' photos not being masked on various projects, which the EC has instructed should not be publicly displayed. Another set of complaints pertains to the distribution of liquor during the election season. However, many people are questioning the local authorities as to why posters and banners promoting political parties and candidates are not being removed from public display. Additionally, there are a considerable number of complaints regarding the distribution of freebies during the election season.

District Election Officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath clarified that there is no model code of conduct for religious or family functions. However, if political parties try to politicise these events, action will be taken against them. The BBMP will be photographing such events, and if anyone is found violating this, they will face consequences.

An official added, "We are taking proactive steps to ensure that the upcoming elections are conducted smoothly and fairly. We are also working to make the voting process accessible to everyone, while also taking measures to prevent corrupt practices during electioneering."

Meanwhile, Nath said that they are requesting the hotelier's association to provide leave for their employees on voting day so that they can exercise their right to vote. In addition, the resident welfare associations are being encouraged to launch publicity campaigns, such as painting and poster campaigns, to spread awareness about the importance of voting. This is particularly important for apartment dwellers, who often have less access to information about voting and elections.

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>
> – Election official

"The IT and BT employees in the Manyata tech park are also being reached out to, with efforts being made to address any apathy they may be experiencing towards voting. The CEOs and employees of companies are being informed that voting day will be a holiday so that they can make the necessary arrangements to cast their vote. The Jigani industrial area has also been approached, with a request to provide a one-day holiday on voting day to encourage maximum participation. The first-time voters have also been elicited for their feedback, and some have requested an increase in IT solutions to make the process of voting more accessible and convenient. The zonal commissioners are visiting large apartment complexes, while the assistant commissioners are targeting smaller apartment complexes to ensure that everyone is aware of the importance of voting and the procedures to follow," he added.

Citizens' manifesto: Focus on non-motorised transport

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In preparation for the upcoming elections, the Council for Active Mobility has released a manifesto to support non-motorised transport. During the mobility manifesto event held in Bengaluru in association with Greenpeace, the Bengaluru City Bicycle Mayor, Sathya Sanakaran, said, "All Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zones and major city centers should be declared as Low Emission Zones (LEZ) to meet air quality standards and reduce carbon emissions." The manifesto also included the following points:

"The Active Mobility Bill should be passed and implemented to protect the rights of pedestrians and cyclists to safe, accessible, and connected networks in urban areas in Karnataka. A total of 4,000 km of footpaths and cycle lanes, with 2,000 km of cycling lanes and footpaths exclusively for Bengaluru, should be constructed to ensure a well-connected city with suitable Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) infrastructure. Around 11 dedicated bus lanes following the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) should be established in Bengaluru to reduce traffic congestion. All bus stops must be installed with amenities like toilets, public announcements, and information display systems, and CCTV cameras. Sufficient technological support for the bus and public transport users through mobile applications and live display of real-time information on bus timings, intervals, and routes should be set up," he said.

A citizen seen commuting on a cycle in Bengaluru (File photo)

The other important points mentioned in the manifesto are that free, dedicated, safe, and lockable bicycle parking facilities must be established near all major bus stops, railway stations, suburban train stations, and metro stations within a year. Prominent market and commercial places should also be installed with secure cycle stands with shade from rains. "Additional procurement and deployment of buses should be carried out to increase the strength from the current 6,798 buses with the BMTC to 14,000 buses. Electric buses powered by renewable energy must be prioritized while augmenting the bus fleet size. Similar plans must be carried out in other cities of the state. Free or subsidised bus passes should be provided to women, other minorities, the elderly, and physically disabled sections of society to make the public transport system affordable and accessible. Dedicated funding on sustainable transportation should prioritise funding for bus transport, cycling, and NMT in the city. A budgetary provision of Rs 40,000 crore for the establishment of dedicated cycle lanes, footpaths, and Rs 12,750 crore for the procurement of an electric bus fleet must be granted," he said.

The volunteers have said that the Parking Policy 2.0 strategy released by DULT should be executed to address the unregulated parking system of the city of Bengaluru to make it more inclusive and accessible. A similar policy with region-specific changes must be designed and implemented to solve the problems of unplanned parking and related issues in other cities of the state. "Mandating the use of Intermediate Public Transport (IPT) modes like bicycles, e-scooters, and shared taxis as a means of first and last-mile connectivity with suburban trains, metro, and BRTS systems, and the provision of VGF or fare subsidies should be prioritized to ensure seamless integration," the manifesto added.

Voter ID camps reach milestone

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The Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) has been making strides in its efforts to rebuild Bengaluru through grassroots governance and active citizen participation. One of the party's on-ground initiatives, Vote4Bengaluru, has recently achieved a significant milestone by successfully completing over 100+ Voter ID camps.

The party's latest mega camp was held from April 7 to 9 and registered more than 300 voters. The camp was set up in various wards, including Munnekollala, Iblur, T Dasarahalli, Doddakanahalli, Kalkere, Ganganagar, Gottigere, Doddakanahalli, and Shettihalli.

The BNP has simplified the voter application process by using an online platform instead of paper forms, making it easier for citizens to apply for or modify their voter IDs. The party is also educating the public about the fundamental organisational structure and operations of the BBMP while creating awareness about the importance of voting and electing worthy candidates.

> **Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party makes strides in its efforts to rebuild city through grassroots governance**

Vishnu Reddy, a Core Team member of BNP, emphasised the civic duty of voting, stating, "Voting is everyone's civic duty. We are educating citizens about the importance of voting and how their vote can make a difference at the local administrative level. Through these voter ID drives, BNP members have created awareness regarding the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives like Corporators, MLAs, and MPs in the local administration."

Lalithamba BV, Head of Campaigns for BNP, highlighted the party's focus on bringing good governance to every ward in the city through citizen participation, saying, "Since elected representatives are the ones to whom citizens can turn for help in resolving issues, it is critical that these citizens choose the right candidate. Essentially, we encourage citizens to get their voter ID cards for their current address and ensure that they are eligible to vote in the upcoming elections through the BJP's Vote4Bengaluru camps."

PC Agrawal, a resident who attended the organised voter ID camp, appreciated their efforts in simplifying the application and modification process, saying, "Many people give up on their applications or decide not to request an address change simply because the government's systems don't make it any simpler."

'Decision-making highly shaky, flawed'

After hearing detailed arguments, SC bench says decision to scrap 4% Muslim quota was vitiated as it is based on an interim report

The Supreme Court on Thursday made some strong observations against the manner in which the Karnataka government scrapped the 4 per cent OBC quota for Muslims and placed them under the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category, saying the foundation of the decision-making process is "highly shaky and flawed".

The Karnataka government undertook before the apex court that no admission or appointments will be made till April 18 on the basis of March 27 government order (GO), which scrapped the 4 per cent quota for Muslims.

A bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Karnataka government: "Prima facie, we are telling you, the first thing is that the order which you have passed... appears to suggest that foundation of decision making process is highly shaky and flawed... it is on an interim report, the state could have waited for a final report that is one aspect. What is the great urgency?"

Mehta submitted that the court should allow the state government to file its reply in the matter and the admissions will begin in May and nothing is going to happen if matter is heard next week either on Monday or Tuesday.

"Please allow me to file a reply, these are original proceedings. There was no empirical data as a religion..... they (Muslims) were included on the basis of religion. It is not something extraordinary. Can't it wait till April 17?"

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Dushyant Dave, Prof Ravivarma Kumar, and Gopal Sankaranarayanan appeared for petitioners L Ghulam Rasool and others.

Dave argued that staying the government order would mean Muslims continue to get the benefit of the reservation of four per cent and "if not, they will lose out in education and employment... Why should we lose out at all ? this notification is per se illegal and unconstitutional".

A view of the Supreme Court building is seen in New Delhi

"... it is on an interim report, the state could have waited for a final report that is one aspect. What is the great urgency – SC bench

Sibal said since early 1990s, they were backward and now they put them in general category and after 23 years, Muslims are in general category without a study and this is a direct violation of Article 14, and also the entire notification is violative of Article 14 and it is taking away reservation. "It is like I am poor, so I will be in the general category", he added. Dave reiterated there is no study to support scrapping of Muslim quota. After hearing detailed arguments, the bench said the decision was prima facie based on fallacious assumption and was vitiated as it is based on an interim report of a commission.

Though, the apex court did not stay the scrapping of the 4 per cent Muslim quota but made several strong observations against the Karnataka government, which forced the state government to give an assurance that it won't undertake any admission to educational institutions or make appointments in terms of its March 27 order. The bench orally observed: "A large number of people were denied the benefit of reservation by a stroke of a single decision", and indicated at passing an interim order staying the GO scrapping the Muslim quota. At this juncture, Mehta submitted that none of the candidates in admission to educational institutions or in appointment for a job would be affected until April 18 in compliance of its order, and stressed that nothing irreversible will be done based on its order ending the 4 per cent quota to Muslims and giving 2 per cent each to Vokkaligas and Lingayats.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing the Vokkalinga and Lingayat community members, strongly opposed any interim order in the matter. Rohatgi said unless something is going to happen, it would be highly unfair if stay is granted.

Justice Joseph said that the government order "appears to be in the teeth of the commission's report".

Justice Nagarathna noted: "Vokkaligas and Lingayats, they had a percentage of reservation. It is not that they were without any reservation. Today, the scenario is four per cent... there was reservation for a particular group of backward classes that is totally knocked out, it becomes zero."

– IANS

State gears up to quell covid cases

Health dept issues revised guidelines by raising district-wise testing targets

The health and family welfare department have issued revised testing guidelines by raising district wise targets for conducting RT-PCR and RAT covid 19 tests with a prescribed minimum 30% RAT and 70% RT-PCR test to be conducted. All the tests must be conducted in government laboratories and the available Covid-19 test kits should be used in FIFO (First In First Out) model so that the Covid-19 kit tools do not go unused.

In the testing, the department of HFW pointed out that all the contacts of covid patients that include their family members and those at the workplace must be tested. Further mandatory testing of all ILI and SARI cases should be carried out. Thirdly, the covid-19 tests should be carried out mandatorily for symptomatic interstate and international travelers.

Currently, the health department is conducting covid screening at the Bengaluru and Mangaluru international airport. Out of 4,417 passengers, over 100 passengers were tested and there have been 10 positive cases found at Bengaluru's International Airport. So far no positive cases were detected at the Mangaluru airport.

In Bengaluru, the daily testing trend has increased to above 3,000 tests per day.

A public health expert said, "With the emergence of the XBB variant leading to an increase in positive cases in many states, carrying out testing plays a crucial role."

In Karnataka, the positivity rate in the last seven days is 2.43%. Over six districts have a positivity rate of more than 2.43%. In Mysuru, the test positivity rate (TPR) is 2.64%, Davangere is 3.68% and 4.01% in Shivamogga, Bengaluru is 5.16%. — BMB

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CM escapes as minor fire breaks out at helipad

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday, escaped an accident in Udupi, after a minor fire broke out near his helipad in Udupi, informed the police.

The incident occurred at a temporary open field in Udupi, where CM Bommai's helicopter landed. The Chief Minister left for the Kollur Mookambika temple when the incident took place.

As per the police, the smoke candle reportedly fell on the ground due to the pressure from the rotors, after which the fire spread on the grass around 300 metres from where the helicopter landed.

The police officials told reporters that the fire was minor in nature and was quickly brought under control.

"The situation was quickly brought under control by the fire brigade. The fire was minor. It was immediately doused off. It was quite far from the chopper. There was no technical snag in the chopper," the police said.

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I, LAKSHMI.P, Resident Of #F-5, Prabhavathi Square, Behind Ayyappa Bakery, Devarachikkanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru 560076, have changed the name of my minor son from S.CHINMAAYI TO CHIRANJEEVI SHARMA vide affidavit dated: 12/04/2023 Sworn Before Notary Bhagya Kumari.N, Bengaluru

I, Yogendra Halasinakoppa Shivappa resident of #126/A, Shree Durga Nilaya, 23rd Cross, Gayathri Layout, 2nd Stage, Basavanapura main road, Bengaluru-560036 have changed our minor son's name from Harshith Yogendra to Hemanth Saagar Yogendra affidavit dt: 01.04.2023 notary Gangaraju B.N, B.lore.

I, VAGHELA RITA SHANTI LAL W/o Parikh Priteshkumar Ishvarbhat residing at No.29/2, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Amar Jyothi Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore 560094 have changed my name to PARIKH RITA PRITESHKUMAR vide affidavit dated: 08.04.2023 before notary B.V Nagabhu shana, Bengaluru.

I Nidhee Gandhi W/O. Kapil Jain R/o 2074, Sobha Chrysanthemum, Thanisandra, Bengaluru - 560077 have changed my name to Nidhi Jain for all purposes.

I, Kamran Ansari S/o Mohammad Ilyas Ansari R/o 11512,Tower 1, Nikko Homes Bhartiya City, Chokkanahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064, have changed the name of my minor son Rehaan Ansari aged 6 Years and 1 month, and he shall hereafter be known as Kahir Aman.

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Star-studded Cannes places women on top

A record six women directors will compete for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in May, the organisers announced on Thursday, with the 76th edition promising to be a who's who of Hollywood A-listers and veteran filmmakers.

Wes Anderson's "Asteroid City" will alone bring a cavalcade of stars to the red carpet, including Tom Hanks, Margot Robbie and Scarlett Johansson.

It is competing among 19 films for the top prize Palme d'Or when the festival returns to France's Cote d'Azur from May 16 to 27.

The presence of six women directors, including Italy's Alice Rohrwacher and a debut from Senegalese filmmaker Ramata-Toulaye Sy, beats last year's record of five.

Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore will be present for "May December" -- another impressive double-header from director Todd Haynes, whose lesbian drama "Carol" won a joint acting award for Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara at the festival in 2015.

They add more stardust to the glitzy Hollywood premieres already announced by the festival, including the new Indiana Jones and Martin Scorsese movies. A fiery start is also guaranteed thanks to opening night film "Jeanne du Barry", which sees Johnny Depp play French king Louis XV in his first role since an explosive defamation trial against ex-wife Amber Heard involving bitter allegations of domestic abuse.

Depp will be joined by his daughter, Lily Rose Depp, who stars in "The Idol", a TV series playing out of competition produced by musician Abel "The Weeknd" Tesfaye. The show has had a tumultuous production with reports of major rewrites and re-shoots.

As if that was not enough to inflame social media, the star and director of "Jeanne du Barry", Maiwenn, had a criminal complaint lodged against her last week for allegedly assaulting a journalist.

Veteran filmmakers such as two-time Palme winner Ken Loach, 86, and Wim Wenders, 77, are also competing, along with other past winners such as South Korea's Hirokazu Kore-eda.

Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon", starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro, currently has an out-of-competition slot but may end up in the contest, festival director Thierry Fremaux said, without giving a clear explanation.

Also playing out of competition is a documentary about wartime Amsterdam, "Occupied City", by celebrated British director Steve McQueen ("12 Years a Slave"), which Fremaux described as "a very radical film of several hours". Arthouse fans are particularly excited about the return of British director Jonathan Glazer ("Sexy Beast", "Under the Skin") with a Holocaust-set romance, "The Zone of Interest", based on a novel by Martin Amis. -AFP

Stars such as Scarlett, Marianne, Natalie will hit the red carpet

Kennedy at Cannes

Director Anurag Kashyap's "Kennedy" is headed to the 76th annual Cannes Film Festival, the organisers announced on Thursday.
The film will be showcased under the Midnight Screenings section of the prestigious film gala.
Film distributor Iris Knobloch and Thierry Fremaux, director of the Cannes Film Festival, made the announcement at a press conference at Cannes.

I Swathi Subhash Aya W/o Mukesh Kumar Manoharlal R/o #3069, Minerva Maple flat 301, VBHCS layout, 1st A Main, 2nd Block, Girinagar 4th Phase, B'luru 560085, have changed my name to Swathi Chajed W/o Mukesh Chajed for all purposes

I, WAHEEDA ABDUL JABBAR, W/o. Abdul Jabbar and Residing at No.02, 1st Cross, Lidkar Colony, K G Halli, Bangalore 560045 have changed my name to WAHEEDA vide affidavit dated: 12.04.2023 before notary B.V Nagabhushana, Bengaluru.

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I, Fairoz Pasha Mohamed Ghouse S/o Mohamed Ghouse A R R/o No 3309 Thope Khan Mohalla, Ramanagaram. Changed my Name as Mohamed Ghouse Fairoz Pasha.

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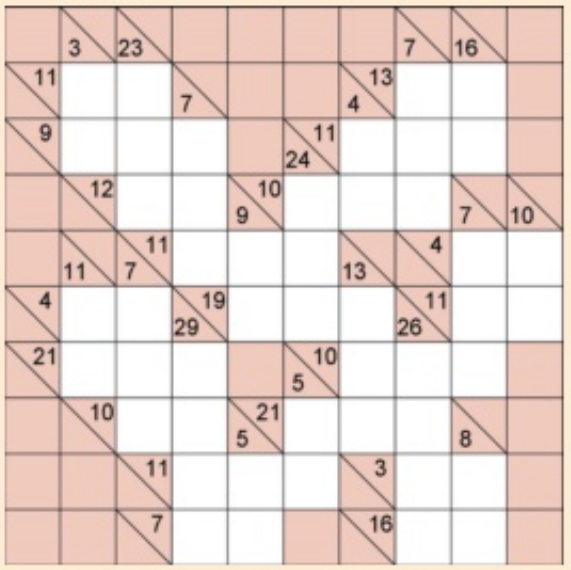
Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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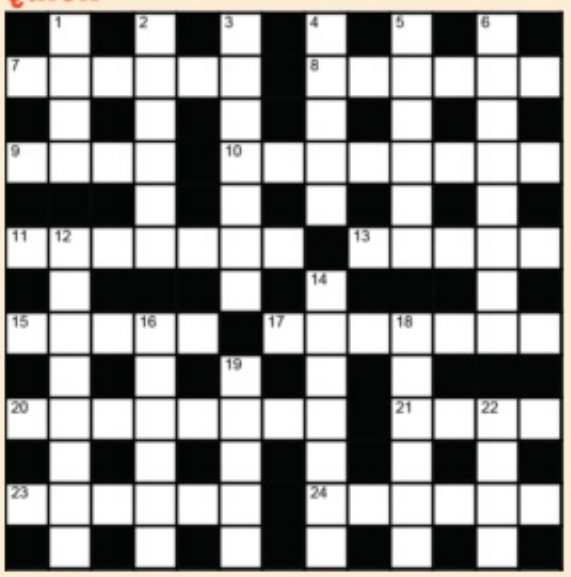


ACROSS

7 Protect financially (6)
8 Mountain in eastern Turkey (6)
9 Gone sans permission (4)
10 Climbing plant (8)
11 Small swivelled wheels (7)
13 Ties or fastens together (5)
15 Assumed name (5)
17 Huge (7)
20 Gentle ringing (8)
21 Little devils! (4)
23 Alter, transform or modify (6)
24 Cosmetics (4-2)

DOWN

1 Chew on (4)
2 Naturally bright (6)
3 Nearest planet to the sun (7)
4 Entrances or portals (5)
5 Big-game hunt (6)
6 1983 World Cup winning captain (5,3)
12 Very well! (3,5)
14 Where three rivers meet in Karnataka (7)
16 Inquiring of (6)
18 Plays truant (6)
19 Contributes (5)
22 Sullen expression (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS T

PBD HDLYDP XE BFRRJQDHH JH PX KFND XPBDYH WDTJDOD PBDG FYD PBD LFAHD XE JP.

Linemaro

I love you because you make my life beautiful

Mindchow

There is an ancient peace you carry in your heart and have not lost

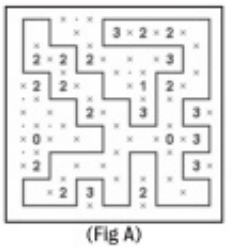
Joke of the day

Q: Why can't you take a picture of a man with a wooden leg?
A: It's easier if you use a camera

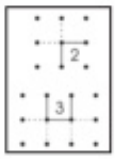
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



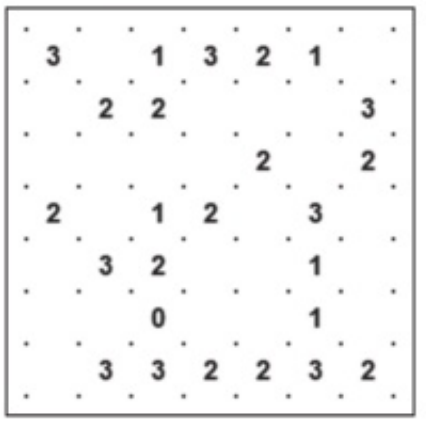
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

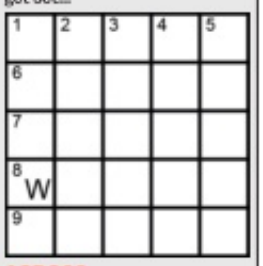


Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set....



ACROSS

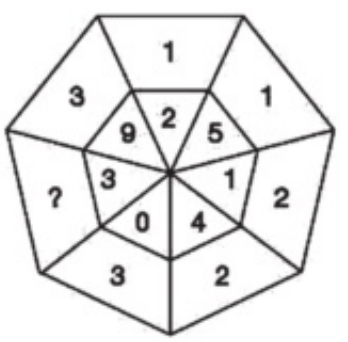
1 Certs; 6 Atria;
7 Sitar; 8 Hewer;
9 Slink

DOWN

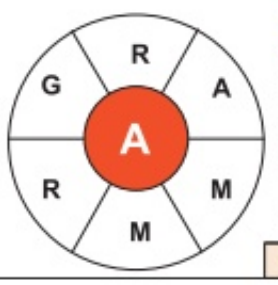
1 Raw LC; 2 Irish;
3 An tee; 4 Skirt;
5 Aster

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **06** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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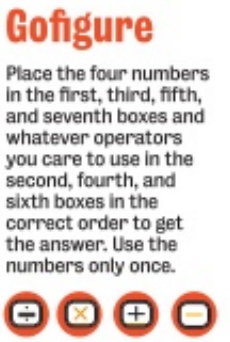
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Cactus pot is different. 3. File cabinet is taller. 4. Nose is smaller. 5. Curtain is wider. 6. Light is different.

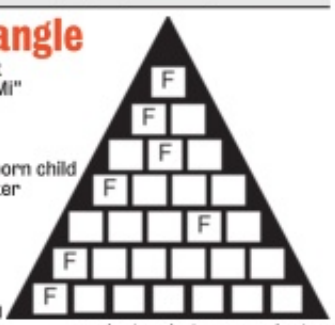
Riddler

In the four sentences below, are two blanks. You must fill them in with words that are either anagrams, synonyms, antonyms, or homonyms. You can only use each of these one time each sentence. Can you figure out each word?

1. The golfer has yelled out "____," ____ times today.
2. They began to ____ scones, and drink ____.
3. She used one ____ to look down at her wrist and see her ____.
4. He ran ____ the dog in order ____ not get bitten by it.

Alpha triangle

1 Degree Fahrenheit
2 A note to follow "Mi"
3 To the rear
4 Flavourless
5 Overhead
6 Relating to an unborn child
7 Stayed on the water



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

And now, a word from the National Council on Sneezing:
GESUNDHEIT
This has been a word from the National Council on Sneezing.

Hart of the city

KNOCK KNOCK
ROAD TRIP!
I BROUGHT READING MATERIAL.
THE ENTIRE CADET LUNA SERIES? THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN READ THAT IN TWO HOURS!
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Crankshaft

I DON'T KNOW IF OUR CHOIR IS READY TO PERFORM IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE!
BUT YOU SING FOR THE PARISHIONERS EVERY SUNDAY!
YES, BUT FROM HIGH IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE US!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in the smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. Additionally, you may also plan to renovate your house or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may enjoy your work and get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may increase now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to workload, you may not be able to attend some family events. However, chronic health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may be satisfied with your work and plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit a spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may likely show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your moon becomes negative, and you may feel dull. It is advised to keep your mind cool. It's a golden rule for you to think twice before any act. You may have to travel to recover your money; otherwise, you may lose your money. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to study in-depth to achieve success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon, and you may feel good. Domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person who may help you get some benefits in the work front. You may likely perform well in your job and expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property may likely settle down.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon, and you may be healthy. You may be able to focus on your goals, and your performance may be very good at work. Your boss may be happy with you, and you may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news regarding any legal matter. You are likely to control your opponents and business rivals.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be more intellectual, and you may prefer to gain knowledge. You may understand the value of intellectual assets. Sometimes, you may need to control your short temper, which may help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances of smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the work flow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money on loved ones, and love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your moon becomes negative, and you may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities burdensome. You may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you and may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, affecting your day-to-day work. Your projects may likely be delayed, which may affect your running projects. You are advised to take advice from your elders before taking any important decision.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with family members, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates at the office may help you in terms of the project.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel negative. Tasks become incomplete, and you may be a victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times, and silly mistakes may make you confused to complete your work. Love birds may find themselves confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, the positive moon may help you. You may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life, and your subordinates may cooperate with you to take some important decisions in the business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial in the growth of business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your moon becomes negative. You may have detachment with responsibilities you have been given. You also may spend more on purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals; otherwise, you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.

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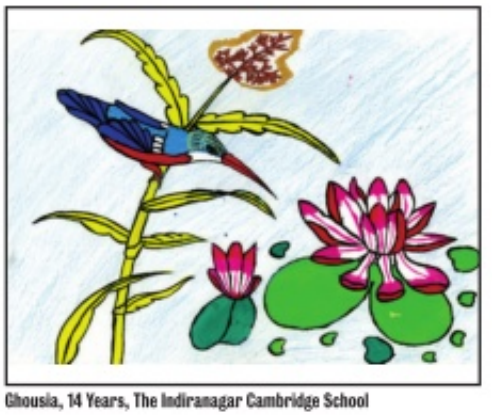

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER 1. The golfer has yelled out "FORE." FOUR times today. (homonyms). 2. They began to EAT scones, and drink TEA. (Anagrams), 3. She used one EYE to look down at her wrist and see her WATCH. (Synonyms), 4. He ran FROM the dog in order TO not get bitten by it. (Antonyms)

SOLVE IN 1M $5(\sqrt{5} * 2\sqrt{5}) = 5(10) = 50$

QUOTE UNCODE The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it.

FAST FIVE

C	R	E	S	T
R	I	A	T	A
A	S	T	I	R
W	H	E	R	E
L	I	N	K	S

STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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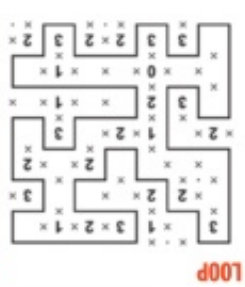
MENSA PUZZLE **BULL'S EYE** mama, agar, gamma, gram, GRAMMAR, magma.

3: starting at the top, and reading clockwise, each number, formed by the top and bottom digits in that order, is the previous number plus the sum of its digits: So, 12 + 1 + 2 = 15, 15 + 1 + 5 = 21

ALPHA TRIANGLE F, Fa, Aft, Flat, Aloft, Foetal, Floated.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 x 3 + 2 - 2 = 8
Medium
4 + 6 - 5 - 4 = 1
Hard
4 x 9 - 1 - 4 = 31

LOOP



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